

Quarterly List of WGBX-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (January – March 2009)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Bill Moyers' Journal, N 02/01/09, 11am, 60 min.

With state budgets strapped, President Obama's proposed economic stimulus plan directs funds to educational institutions. Bill Moyers talks with Carnegie Corporation president Vartan Gregorian on the future of public higher education and its role in our democracy.

Independent Lens, N 01/25/09, 3am, 60 min.

Please Vote for Me: This film follows eight-year-old students in an elementary school in China as they campaign for school monitor. This is the first election for a class leader to be held in a school in China. The three candidates campaign, holding debates and showing their intellectual and artistic skills, until one is voted the winner.

Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One, N 01/03/09, 11am, 30 min.

Tony Plana: He has starred in movies such as *An Officer and a Gentleman* and *JFK*, and in TV series *Resurrection Boulevard* and *CSI*. Now millions of Americans know him as Ignacio Suarez, *Ugly Betty*'s undocumented dad. Plana is also the co-founder and executive artistic director of the East L.A. Classic Theatre, a group dedicated to serving the Latino community through educational outreach programs and bi-lingual productions of traditional and contemporary classics. In this interview with Maria Hinojosa, Plana talks about his successful career, his role as an educator and how he became the poster child of immigration.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Consuelo Mack Wealthtrack, N 01/04/09, 8:30am, 30 min.

Yale Professor Robert Shiller, who accurately predicted the housing bubble and bust, will share his current housing outlook and prescription for recovery.

Frontline, N 01/07/09, 2:30pm, 60 min.

The Old Man and the Storm: Six months after Hurricane Katrina slammed into New Orleans, producer June Cross came across 82-year-old Herbert Gettridge working alone on his home in the lower Ninth Ward, a neighborhood devastated when the levees broke in August 2005.

Over the next two years, Cross would document the story of the extended Gettridge clan -- an African-American family with deep roots in New Orleans -- as they struggled to rebuild their homes and their lives. Their efforts would be deeply impacted by larger decisions about urban planning, public health and the insurance industry, by the decisions of policymakers about federal funding for rebuilding the Gulf, and state and city plans for dispersing those monies.

To The Contrary, N 03/01/09, 1:30pm, 30 min.

Women, Minorities and the Housing Crisis: Women and minorities were targets of sub prime lending and President Obama has a plan to keep them in their homes.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Foreign Exchange, N 03/15/09, 9am, 30 min

There's a warrant out for the arrest of Sudan's President. The International Criminal Court charged him with war crimes. But with no army or police force, does the court have any teeth?

Frontline/World, N 01/28/09, 2:30pm, 60 min.

Taking on the Mafia: The inside story of a group of shop owners and young activists who stood up to the powerful Sicilian mafia. A restaurant owner -- backed by an upstart anti-mafia movement of young people and an elite law enforcement team -- who refused to pay the mafia's monthly "tax," taking a stand against mob bosses who've kept Italy in their grip for decades.

Maria Hinojosa One on One, N 02/28/09, 11am, 30 min.

Mark Potok: According to hate crime statistics published annually by the FBI, anti-Latino hate crimes rose by almost 35% between 2003 and 2006, the latest year for which statistics are available. Mark Potok, a former USA Today reporter, is the director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project. The Intelligence Project is dedicated to monitoring hate groups and extremist activity in the U.S. Potok and Hinojosa look at the possible reasons behind the disturbing rise in anti-Latino incidents.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Real Moms, Real Stories, Real Savvy, N 02/08/09, 12pm, 30 min.

Two mothers of autistic children, including Alison Singer, an executive vice president at Autism Speaks, explain what it takes to raise a special needs child and the importance of a sympathetic public.

In the Life, N 01/18/09, 11pm, 60 min.

HIV/AIDS: In A Conversation With... Dr. Mathilde Krim, founding Chairman of amfAR, and Phill Wilson, founder and CEO of the Black AIDS Institute, discuss their common battle against the disease and the current state of HIV/AIDS.

Religion and Ethics, N 01/04/09, 7am, 30 min.

A Look Ahead at the Year 2009: Topics addressed during this discussion include: the challenges facing the new Obama administration both domestically and abroad, particularly peace efforts in the Middle East and the relationship with the Muslim world; the Vatican's increasing focus on Africa and its interest in improving Christian-Muslim relations; the role of young evangelicals in shaping the future of their church; and continuing battles over gay civil unions and marriage.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, N 02/22/09, 7:30am, 30 min.

Employment Milestone: Working women may soon outnumber working men on the nation's payrolls.

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, N 03/08/09, 7:30am, 30 min.

Recessionary Discrimination: As the number of women working on Wall Street plummets, Women say financial firms are using the recession as an excuse to practice employment discrimination.

Independent Lens, N 02/08/09, 9pm, 60 min.

Adjust Your Color: America's original shock-jock, Petey Greene overcame poverty, drug addiction and prison time to "tell it like it is," shocking and entertaining everyone from the ghetto to the White House. Narrated by Don Cheadle, this program looks at how his explosive language and brash style unsettled the establishment as he battled both the system and his own demons on a journey to becoming a leading activist during some of the most tumultuous years in recent history.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Alaska Pipeline: American Experience, N 03/18/09, 3am, 60 min.

In the early weeks of 1968, after a decade-long search for oil in Alaska's frozen wilderness, gas burst up out of an exploratory well on the North Slope with such force the crew thought it was about to blow. Geologists soon calculated that as much as ten billion barrels of oil lay below the frozen tundra of Prudhoe Bay-the largest oil find in North America. The pipeline built to bring that oil to market was one of the greatest engineering feats of the 20th century. The men, machines and money the pipeline brought to Alaska would forever transform what had long been regarded as America's last great wilderness.

Crown of the Continent: Alaska's Wrangell, N 03/25/09, 5:30am, 30 min.

Filmmaker John Grabowska explores Alaska's visually spectacular region of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, which includes the continent's largest assemblage of glaciers, the greatest collection of peaks above 16,000 feet, along with a dramatic valleys, wild rivers and a variety of wildlife.

Emperors of Ice, N 03/26/09, 10am, 60 min.

In the windswept, hostile environment of Antarctica, National Geographic's Crittercam team and Doctors Jerry Kooyman and Paul Ponganis of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography embark on a spectacular adventure of science and survival. Using Crittercam technology, they hitch a ride with the majestic emperor penguin to go places only penguins have gone before - under the massive Ross Ice Shelf.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Be Well Now! With Dr. Nancy Snyderman, N 03/08/09, 10:31pm, 60 min.

Americans are confused and overwhelmed by too much misinformation about health and wellness - the so-called "cures," theories and latest health guru. Dr. Nancy Snyderman, Chief

Medical Editor of NBC News, explains the life-extending, health-improving medical truths and debunks the myths in her new 60-minute special

Forgotten Ellis Island, N 03/04/09, 4am, 60 min.

"Forgotten Ellis Island" is the first film to be produced about the abandoned immigrant hospital on Ellis Island. During the great wave of immigration, twenty-two medical buildings sprawled across two islands adjacent to Ellis Island, the largest port of entry in the United States. Massive and modern, the hospital was America's first line of defense against contagious, often virulent disease. In the era before anti-biotics, tens of thousands of immigrant patients were separated from family, detained in the hospital, and healed from illness before becoming citizens.

The Lobotomist: American Experience, N 02/18/09, 10pm, 60 min.

The lobotomy was hailed by The New York Times as a "surgery of the soul" and "history making," a groundbreaking medical procedure that promised hope to the most distressed families and desolate mentally ill patients. Championed by a young and ambitious neurologist named Walter J. Freeman, what began as an operation of last resort was soon being performed at some 50 state asylums, often with devastating results.

VIII. Economy/Business

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Bill Moyers' Journal, N 02/15/09, 11am, 30 min.

This week on Bill Moyers' Journal, former chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), MIT Sloan School of Management professor and senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, Simon Johnson examines President Obama's plan for economic recovery.

Consuelo Mack Wealthtrack, N 01/11/09, 8:30am, 30 min.

This week's Consuelo Mack WealthTrack asks: what can we expect from the financial markets in 2009? Bob Doll, the highly-respected head of global equities for BlackRock; Bill Gross, Managing Director of bond giant PIMCO; and Wall Street's #1 economist, Ed Hyman of ISI Group, discuss the future of the global economy and financial markets, and give their forecasts for 2009.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

African American Lives, N 02/04/09, 9pm, 60min.

In the first episode of AFRICAN AMERICAN LIVES, Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. begins to piece together the family histories of four of the participants, taking them on a journey through the lives of their recent ancestors. In doing so, the episode explores the post-World

War I "Great Migration" of African American families from the South to northern cities like Detroit and Chicago, as well as the experiences of those families that stayed in the South during the period of Jim Crow segregation.

Ken Burns' American Stories, N 01/12/09, 10pm, 60 min.

The Shakers: Hands to Work, Hearts to God: Only a handful of elderly Shakers remain alive today, carrying on the traditions of religious devotion that at one time embraced thousands of Americans in numerous self-supporting communities. This evocative film explores the cultural legacy highlighted by the personal accounts of the last nine surviving shakers.

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly., N 01/11/09, 7am, 90 min.

Kate Seelye explores the challenges facing Muslims in their efforts to preserve traditional Islamic practices in the globalized world of the 21st century; Lucky Severson travels to Sing Sing Correctional Facility for a behind-the-scenes look at how inmates are finding new hope outside prison walls through a graduate program in ministry.